

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

THE PRINCESSES' MYSTERY

SCENE 1 – AT PRINCESSES' ROOM

(Lights out and music in) <Five princesses are having different lessons in their rooms. They look desperate. A maid and a footman enter. > (Music out and lights on)

1. Maid	Once upon a time...In a faraway land...
2. Footman	there lived five beautiful princesses.
3. Maid	His Majesty and Her Highness loved them so much that
4. Footman	they made very good arrangement for them.
5. Princess Ashley	To be great princesses, we need to learn to dance. (Elly dances.)
6. Dancing Teacher	1,2,3,4 2,2,3,4. Head up. (Elly looks down) Again. (Elly dances sadly.)
7. Princess Betty	People like princesses who can play the recorder well. (Cindy plays the recorder.)
8. Music Teacher	Very poor! Play it again! (Cindy plays it sadly.)
9. Princess Daisy	If you can't speak other languages, you are not good princesses.
10. Language Teacher	你好嗎, Halo! It's your turn! (Ashley pronounces wrongly.) Wrong, say that again.
11. Princess Cindy	Only good singers are respected by people. (Betty sings badly.) No, no, sing again.
12. Princess Elly	All people expect princesses to have good manners.
13. Manner Teacher	(The book on Daisy's head falls.) Princess Daisy, try again. (Daisy tries again.)
14. Maid	They have lessons from morning to night,
15. Footman	from Sunday to Saturday.
16. Maid & Footman	(The princesses sigh.) Poor them!
17. All teachers	Sweet dreams, princesses. See you tomorrow.
18. Princesses	Sweet dreams?! We'll never have sweet dreams unless Father stops all our lessons.
19. Princess Betty	Actually, we are smart and talented. We CAN'T do well because...
20. All princesses	(Sad) we are NOT doing something we like!
21. Maid & Footman	His Majesty and Her Highness are coming! (Princesses run to their beds and pretend to be asleep.)
22. Princesses	Good night!
23. King	Minister, are the princesses learning well? Are they working hard to be great princesses?
24. Minister	Your Majesty and Your Highness, the princesses have lessons all day but they do not perform well. Besides, they show no interest in the lessons.
25. King	How can that happen? They know why we organize these lessons for them. They know our expectations for them.
26. Queen	Your Majesty, I told you the princesses need some fun. The lessons are too harsh for them. Besides, they don't have any choices.
27. Queen	(The maid and footman pass by the King & Queen holding some old shoes.)What are

	these?
28. Maid	The princesses' worn out shoes.
29. King	What? Five pairs of worn out shoes!
30. Footman	Oh, I know my king. Shoes are so expensive!
31. King	It's not that. I remember that they got some new shoes last week.
32. Maid	Your Majesty, I should say the princesses' shoes are worn out every morning after their beauty sleep.
33. King	That's impossible! I MUST ask my daughters what they do at night.
34. Queen	Your Majesty, the girls are sleeping. Maybe tomorrow.
35. King:	Minister, lock the door of the princesses' room so that they can't leave.
36. Minister	Of course, your Majesty.
<Lights off and music in.>	

SCENE 2 – AT THE DINING ROOM IN THE PALACE

(Lights out and music in) <King, Queen and the five princesses are having breakfast. > (Music out and lights on)

37. King	(Put down the eating utensils, use napkin to clean his mouth and speak furiously) My girls, the door of your room was locked last night. What did you do in your room last night? What are you hiding from me?
38. Queen	(Worried) My dear, we are worried about you. Every day you look tired and you don't learn well.
39. All princesses	We love you too. (Princess Cindy wants to answer the queen but the other princesses stop her.)
40. King	You are dishonest princesses. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.
41. Ashley	(Slams the table) Father, I don't agree with you.
42. King	(King sees Ashley's bruises.) Ashley, why do you have bruises?! (Ashley covers her bruises fearfully.) All girls, show me your hands and legs! (King sees the bruises.) What happened? (5 princesses look at one another.)
43. Elly	I...I...I don't know. (Starts to cry!)
44. Cindy	(Sincerely with a little anger) Father, you should trust us instead of locking us up.
45. Minister	A book I read mentioned people under pressure may sleepwalk. Maybe the princesses were sleepwalking also.
46. All	Sleepwalk?
47. Princess Betty	How clever the Minister is! We must sleepwalk at night, so we didn't know why we had bruises. (Betty sends signals to other princesses.)
48. All princesses	Yes! Right! This must be the reason.
49. King	Really?!
50. Queen	Your Majesty, we must help the princesses to recover from sleepwalking!

51. King	Your Highness, please take the princesses to their rooms.
52. Minister	Shall we send for the doctor, your majesty?
53. King	(Stands up and stays in centre centre) A doctor? I don't think doctors can help. It is a great mystery. I need wise and brave men instead. (King whispers to Minister)
54. Minister	Your Majesty, I will arrange it as soon as possible.
(The minister issues a proclamation. The footman puts up posters and the crowd reads them. David the Magician arrives.)	
55. David	Excuse me, could you tell me why all of the men look so excited?
56. Crowd 1	Didn't you read the poster? All the men want to solve the mystery of the princesses and they are rushing to the palace.
57. David	That's interesting!
58. Crowd 2	I know everything about herbs. I must take some herbs to heal the princesses. Then I can marry one of them.
59. Magician	What happened to the princesses?
60. Crowd 3	The princesses have bruises on their arms and legs after they go to sleep! I have sleepwalked for my whole life. I can help the princesses and win the kingdom.
61. David	Win the kingdom? Marry a princess?
62. Crowd 4	However, if you fail, the King will cut your head off.
63. David	I'm a great magician. Moreover, I have my magic cloak. I can solve all mysteries. I must head off to the palace.
(Lights out and music in)	
SCENE 3 – At the King's chamber	
(Music out and lights on)	
64. Crowd 1,2,3&4	Please have mercy on us! Don't chop off our heads!
65. Soldier	Go!
66. Maid	Greed leads you to your death!
67. Minister	Footman!
68. Footman	(In horror)I don't want to marry a princess! I don't want the kingdom! I want my head!
69. Minister	If you don't bring the next man in, I don't think you can keep your head!
70. Maid& Footman	Yes, sir! (Bring David to the king)
71. David	Good afternoon, your Majesty. I am David the Magician.
72. King	Magician?! Even wise princes, brave knights can't solve this mystery. How can a magician solve it?
73. David	From my point of view, only someone who knows magic can solve this insoluble mystery.
74. Minister	(whispers to the king) Your majesty, he is our last candidate. Please give him a chance. You can chop off his head if he fails. (King thinks over and nods his head.)

	Maid & Footman, take him to the princesses' room.
Maid & Footman take David to the princesses' bedroom.	
75. Betty	Here comes another man who was sent by Father to solve our secret.
76. Ashley	Don't worry! We'll use the same trick on him.
77. David	(Cindy and Elly is on stage with a cup.) Good evening, your Highness.
78. Cindy	Good evening, Mister. This cup of cocoa is for you.
79. David	You're really kind.
80. Elly	All the previous men said that the drink made them feel comfortable. However, it couldn't help them solve the mystery.
81. David	I am determined to try my wisdom and magic.
82. Cindy	Anyway, wish you good luck. Good night, mister. (She goes back to the bedroom.)
83. David	I won't be tricked by you! I only need my magic cloak.
David throws away the drink and pretends to sleep on the chair. Betty and Cindy come out from the bedroom cheerfully.	
84. Ashley	Girls, let's get ready!
The princesses open a secret door.	
85. Betty	Hurry up! We'll be late!
One by one the girls disappear into a long dark tunnel. David enters the room. David puts on his cloak and he clicks his fingers.	
86. David	Now I vanish and no one can see me. I think it won't take me long to catch up with the princesses.
David tiptoes down the steps into the tunnels carefully. He walks quietly but accidentally he washes Cindy. She screams and turns around, but she cannot see anyone.	
87. Daisy	Cindy, are you ok?
88. Cindy	(alarmed) Ouch! Someone has pushed me!
89. Elly	(turns around) There's no one here, my sister!
A few children cheer to the princesses.	
90. Child 1	You are late again.
91. Ashley	We are sorry!
92. Child 2	It's ok! But why have you been late recently?
93. Daisy	Dad found out that we came out when we should asleep. He sent men to watch us.
94. Child 3	How did you come to here?
95. Betty	Some magic cocoa is helping the men to sleep until tomorrow morning!
96. Child 4	In fact, why did you father stop you from playing the game?
97. Cindy	When he was young, he played it and he broke his leg. From then on, our grandparents banned all people from playing this game in our country to protect us from getting hurt.
98. Child 1	The final will take place next week. We must start practising now!
99. Child 1,2,3&4	Hurray!

100. David	(Surprised) Wow! Now I know the princesses' mystery. I can't believe that these princesses are so skillful. I have tell the King this.
SCENE 4 –King's throne (Music out and lights on)	
101. David	Your majesty, now you know why the princesses worn their shoes out and get hurt.
102. Princesses	How can he know that?
103. David	This's magic.
104. King	Is it true?
105. Cindy	There is no point in lying.
106. King	(Angrily) You all know the game is banned in our kingdom long time ago. The tunnel will be locked down and you can never go there anymore.
107. Elly	(Sob and wail) Oh, father, you can't do this to us!
108. Daisy	Life is so dull with everlasting learning.
109. Ashley	We played so hard that our team is in the final of the cup. The match will take place next week.
110. Betty	We want to win the cup and give it to...
111. King	You know my dears, thousands of people get hurt in this game.
112. Daisy	You are exaggerating! Millions of people have fun from this game.
113. Cindy	Our teammates need us! We can't miss it!
114. King	As a king, I must keep my people safe.
115. Ashley	We are as safe as birds in cages!
116. Princesses	Father! Please!
117. King	No way! (Turns to David and Princesses look sad.) Young man, you have my word. You may choose one of my daughters in marriage. Which would you take?
118. David	Your majesty, is it possible that I exchange the marriage to a wish?
119. King	You saved my princesses' lives. You can have what you want.
120. David	Please allow the princesses to compete in the final. (Princesses look surprised.)
121. King	What? (Furiously)
122. David	Getting hurt and learning to protect oneself is something we all have to do. Same for the princesses. I see how hard they play. They are so skillful! Your majesty, please keep your word! (King thinks seriously.)
123. Minister	None of the teachers of the princesses say they have worked hard before.
124. Queen	(Talk to King) This is the first time the princesses have been needed by others. It may be a good chance for them to learn to be responsible and mature.
125. David	Please trust your daughters. After the ongoing training, they can tackle all challenges.
126. Princesses	Please, father!
127. Minister	(Kneel) Your majesty, may I make a suggestion? (King nods his head.) Five days from now, the princesses will have their final exam. If the princesses can pass the exams,

	they can compete the match.
128. Princesses	Pass the exams? (Look at one another)
129. King	That's a good suggestion. I can both keep my words and protect my dears.
130. Queen	It isn't fair! The princesses have never passed the exams.
131. Princesses	We can make it!
132. King	Even you pass the exams, the match will be your last chance to play the game.
133. Princesses	We have taken up your challenge!
134. Maid	In these five days, the princesses practise again and again with passion. (Teachers stand next to the princesses.) Their teachers exams them.
135. Teachers	My dear princess, you have ... PASSED!
136. Princesses	WE'VE PASSED. (Hug one another.)
SCENE 5 –The pitch	
(Music out and lights on) (Princess and children play football and they win.)	
137. Princesses	Happy birthday, Father! This cup is for you.
138. King	My birthday gift?
139. Betty	Father, you had everything. Therefore, we think this cup is the best gift that we can give.
140. Queen	You played hard to give your father this birthday gift! (touched) Oh my dear!
141. Cindy	But this is the first and the only cup we can win. (Princesses look at one another desperately.)
142. King	Then your mother will be jealous of me.
143. Elly	What do you mean?
144. King	My dear daughters, I think I have made a big mistake. You have great talents. I shouldn't force you to do something you are not interested in. Games, including football, can help people train themselves. From now on, all the people in our kingdom can play football.
145. Princesses	Father and Mother, we love you. (They hug one another.)
146. King & Queen	We love you too!
147. All	Hurray!
148. Maid & Footman	The King, Queen, princesses and David the Magician live happily ever after. Sometimes they even play football together!

THE END